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(SBU) Per reftel, econoff delivered non-paper and discussed single talking point with Mr. Krizan, from the MFA's Department of European Security and Arms Control. Krizan indicated that the GOS supports the additional protocol (AP) but thought that the UK and Austria were working on a new draft of the proposal that would be more amenable to the four skeptical countries. He further commented that the AP was in line with the EU strategy and he was therefore unsure why France was still balking at the issue. It is also the GOS's impression that Argentina may be more willing to reconsider its position but that Brazil was not likely to alter its opinion on the AP. Krizan agreed that the GOS would lobby France and Russia on behalf of the UK/Austrian plan, but not Argentina and Brazil with whom Slovakia has little influence.

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